

HOUSE BILL 1926

By Whitson

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 36-3-301, relative to marriage.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 36-3-301(a)(1), is amended by deleting the subdivision and substituting:

(1) All regular ministers, preachers, pastors, priests, rabbis, and other spiritual leaders of every religious belief, more than eighteen (18) years of age, having the care of souls, and all members of the county legislative bodies, county mayors, judges, chancellors, former chancellors and former judges of this state, former county executives or county mayors of this state, former members of quarterly county courts or county commissions of this state, the governor, the speaker of the senate and former speakers of the senate, the speaker of the house of representatives and former speakers of the house of representatives, members and former members of the general assembly who have filed notice pursuant to subsection (l), law enforcement chaplains duly appointed by the heads of authorized state and local law enforcement agencies, members of the legislative body of a municipality in this state, sheriffs, county clerks, clerks of court, registers of deeds, assessors of property and trustees of this state, former sheriffs, county clerks, clerks of court, registers of deeds, assessors of property, and trustees of this state, notaries public, and the mayor of a municipality in this state may solemnize the rite of matrimony. For the purposes of this section, the several judges of the United States courts, including United States magistrates, United States bankruptcy judges, and federal administrative law judges who are citizens of Tennessee are deemed to be judges of this state. The amendments to this section by chapter 336 of the Public Acts

of 1987, which applied provisions of this section to certain former judges, do not apply to a judge who has been convicted of a felony or who has been removed from office.

SECTION 2. This act takes effect upon becoming law, the public welfare requiring it.